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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Judith Fitzpatrick et al.

Title: PREFERRED SEGMENTS OF NEURAL THREAD PROTEIN AND  
METHODS OF USING THE SAME

Appl. No.: 09/697,590

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Examiner: Sharon L. Turner

Art Unit: 1649

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

[ X ] Small Entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a  
previous assertion of Small Entity status.

[ X ] No fee is required for additional claims as calculated below:

	Claims As Amended		Previously Paid For		Extra Claims Present		Rate		Additional Claims Fee
Total Claims:	3	-	54	=	0	x	\$50.00	=	\$0.00
Independent Claims:	2	-	41	=	0	x	\$200.00	=	\$0.00
First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims:						+	\$360.00	=	\$0.00
CLAIMS FEE TOTAL									= \$0.00

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[ X ] Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

[ ] Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$120.00	\$0.00
[ ] Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$450.00	\$0.00
[ X ] Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$1,020.00	\$1,020.00
[ ] Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,590.00	\$0.00
[ ] Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$2,160.00	\$0.00
EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:		\$1,020.00
[ ] Statutory Disclaimer Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.20(d):	\$130.00	\$0.00
CLAIMS, EXTENSION AND DISCLAIMER FEE TOTAL:		\$1,020.00
[ X ] Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):		\$510.00
TOTAL FEE:		\$510.00

A credit card payment form in the amount of \$510.00 is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment form being unsigned, providing incorrect information resulting in a rejected credit card transaction, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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Respectfully submitted,

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated September 15, 2005, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows.